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FOR THE THIRD TIME IN SIX MONTHS, ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES HAVE
ARRESTED CHILEAN NATIONALS ON CHARGES OF ESPIONAGE. THE
ARRESTS TOOK PLACE APRIL 4-7 AT RIO GALLEGOS, IN THE
SOUTHERNMOST PROVINCE OF ARGENTINA, SANTA CRUZ. ACCO
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TO THE PRESS, MANUEL EDUARDO FLORES VILLAGRAN, A NATIVE OF
CHILE BUT A NATURALIZED ARGENTINE CITIZEN, WAS PICKED UP
APRIL 4 BY THE ARGENTINE ARMY. MAPS AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF
MILITARY INSTALLATIONS AND A LIST OF NAMES AND ADDRESSES
OF ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES WERE FOUND IN HIS BELONGINGS,
ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS. THEY ADDED THAT FLORES
VILLAGRAN LATER IMPLICATED SEVERAL OTHER CHILEANS (THE
NO. AS REPORTED VARIES FROM 5-9) AND AN
ARGENTINE, ALFREDO ABDALA, AS ALSO BEING INVOLVED. OTHERS
NAMED IN REPORTS AS ARRESTED ARE LIDIA AND JORGE
FLORES VILLAGRAN (CHILEAN CITIZENS AND SISTER AND
BROTHER OF EDUARDO), ROSA HILDA BORDEN AND LUCIA DEL
CARMEN LLAIPEN. ALL THOSE ARRESTED HAVE BEEN PUT AT
THE DISPOSISITION OF A FEDERAL JUDGE.
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